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Jane Henney Commissioner of the FDA HF- 1, 5600 Fisher's Lane Room 1471 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Henney,

Before reading an article in the September issue of Marie Claire concerning genemodified foods, I had no prior knowledge of such "frankenstein foods." As a strict vegan and avid supporter of the environment, I am astounded that such practices of manipulation are in existence.

At one point in my life, I included all types of meat in my diet, but because of health reasons, they were soon replaced with better foods, such as vegetables and soy. My veganism is a contribution towards a natural and environmentally sound society, but with GM foods camouflaged in the shelves of the local market, it is difficult to make such an effort.

I strongly urge a labeling requirement on all gene-modified foods, not just those that cause allergies or alter nutrition. It is a question of purity and politics; as citizens of this free country, we have the right to know what we consume.

Sincerely,

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